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## Taft as Commander-in-Chief

The text of a speech delivered a few days ago by Senator Taft, distributed by his campaign headquarters, includes the following:

"I wish to stress the importance of maintaining a free Europe, certainly a vital part in our whole picture. But since NATO supporters have not promised certain success, European aid cannot be our No. 1 priority. . . .

"What is our first priority? It seems obvious to me that it must be the building up of an Air Force able to maintain control of the air over the continent and fully able also to deliver atom bombs for the destruction of Russian bases. . . .

## THE KOJE MESS

This Kojé Island mess gets increasingly weird. So far it has indicated once more that when the Army gets away from its field, which is fighting, and into such things as diplomacy, propaganda warfare and prison management it leaves much to be desired.

Riots and considerable bloodshed on Kojé a few months ago suggested a lack of order on the island. Then a Communist was shot and got himself unceremoniously captured by his charges. His successor, presumably following out his orders to get the imprisoned General Dodd freed and not bothering to print in fine print in the requests of the prisoners, agreed that as conditions of General Dodd's release prisoners would receive "humane treatment in the future," and that they would be any more a genuine screening of the remaining prisoners."

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promise "certain success." No one can promise "certain success" in anything these days. Mr. Taft's own No. 1 priority—purely offensive and defensive air force—does not promise "certain success." Unless our air bases in Europe, in North Africa, in the Middle East are kept out of Russian hands, our ability to smash at Russia, one of Taft's priorities, would be critically limited.

3. Nor does Taft consider the incalculable loss to the U. S. if by labor, steel, and productive capacity of Europe, the strategic materials of the world, the potential fighting men all over the globe should fall to Russian land armies while we "maintain control of the air over this continent and over the oceans that surround this continent." If that should happen, Russia wouldn't need to bomb the U. S. It could force us to our knees.

Senator Taft went on to say that "the basic thinking behind the entire defense program is wrong. Apparently this results from the control exercised over that policy by our land generals under the leadership of General Marshall. That statement belongs in the same file with an earlier arrogant assertion of his that the Pentagon later did become the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and makes us shudder at what might happen if a man with no experience in global military strategy, but with enough confidence that he could out-guess Commander-in-Chief and start playing soldier."

General Clark inferred that the U. N. would not abide by the agreement General Colon made. Another propaganda victory for the Reds, who could claim the U. N. bargained in bad faith. And newsmen, finally admitted to Kojé, reported the prisoners in command of their compounds, with U. N. guards staying outside.

It will take more than a military investigation to clear the air on Kojé. Perhaps some of the newsmen how there by accident, and who were not "unofficially" probably not until they return to the U. S. getting away from military censorship. The Army has led this country to resounding defeat in a psychological battle, and by reflecting the facts on this fiasco another setback may be averted.

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nal waste continues to be a political football monthly on Capitol Hill during this election year. Meanwhile, floods on the Missouri, which cost over a billion dollars in property damage last year, have already destroyed over \$300 million worth of property this year. . . .

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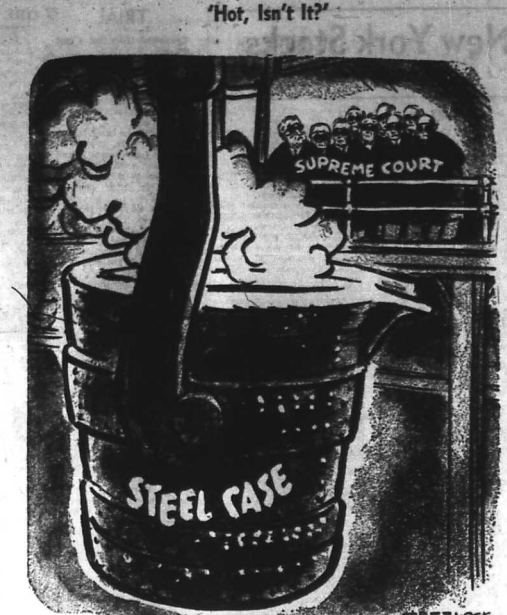
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"The devil take one and his dam the other."—Henry VIII of Windsor.  
"Take your choice of those that best can aid your action."—Troilus and Cressida.  
"Leave us to our free election."—Pericles, Prince of Tyre.  
"The Senate shall get as much as he deserves."—The Merchant of Venice.  
We probably are the most expensive and wasteful people that posterity ever will have had to finance.—Cincinnati Enquirer.  
Elephants and horses can sleep standing up—but not to mention the father of a three-week-old son.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Tribune.  
Now is the time for the fellow who is broke to decide he is just too busy to take time for a vacation this year.—Kingston (Tenn.) Times.  
OPs Injunction  
FOR ten months, the OPS-Pennsylvania Railroad dispute continued. The railroad tried every legal maneuver to



## People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writers name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

### Dangerous South Boulevard

CHARLOTTE  
Editors, The News:  
TWICE a day I have to drive almost the length of South Boulevard, and it is the most maddening experience a man could imagine. Cars park in the outside lane, alongside "No Parking On This Side" signs, causing cars in the right hand lane to swerve to the left hand lane, sometimes to the accompaniment of grating fenders and squealing brakes. . . .

Four times during the past two weeks I have witnessed accidents on South Boulevard. One day I heard a crash, and a few minutes later saw this poor lady, bleeding and dazed, slumped in the front of a pickup with a broken window. Another time one car crowded another onto the curb, raising one of the tires to blow. Twice cars have come out from alley directly in front of me, the driver looking the other way. . . .

Then, coming to town of course there is that Morehead intersection, where opposing traffic gets the green light at the same time and it is every man for himself.

Now the cops have a lot of work, but I think if some of them cruised along South Boulevard and helped a few fellows—and women too—it would help.

### Progress Toward Atlantic Union

WASHINGTON  
Editors, The News:  
A NUMBER of your readers, after hearing me speak at Atlantic Union, were kind enough to urge me to "keep up the good work and never be discouraged." Now I have an encouraging report to give them and our other friends in turn—but the difficulty is that I don't know all their names or addresses, or how to reach our many unknown friends in your community except through your columns.

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### Doesn't Like Unstead

MONROE  
Editors, The News:  
THE name Unstead rings a bell. It strikes a note in the repertory of those characters that I most remember. A man may be most remembered by negative as well as positive contributions to the progress of the human race. I remember Unstead as an ardent crusader, a hyper-cocky reactionary, a champion of an unjust cause whose poisonous ideology should have died at Richmond, Gettysburg, and Atlanta. . . .

I remember Unstead's over-aggressive and almost savage defense of inequalities in the educational system of Durham. I sat through the overcrowded and overheated sessions in the Summer of 1950 and watched him display his arrogant tantrum like a spoiled child. Mr. Unstead was the volunteer who gave his talents to the city of Durham and watched it not in the least of segregation, the tradition of the South, but in an effort to prevent Negroes from acquiring just educational facilities. . . .

Mr. Unstead himself has changed his views in such a short period of time, but I am reluctant to believe him when he says that he is for better schools for all. . . .

I am not at all surprised to hear him make the statement that he is against letting the people of North Carolina vote on the merits of the proposed amendment to the warrens controls act which has become known delicately as "the tollist amendment." . . .

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## Big Attack on McGranery Is Likely After His Confirmation

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THE fight that the Republicans set up to prevent the confirmation of the Federal Reserve Board by McGranery to be Attorney General promises to be a protest for the Republicans. . . .

Both have taken a leading part in the American fight for Democratic reform, which is made up largely of Democrats on the labor-liberal side after Delworth left the room when he finished his testimony. McGranery promptly informed the Senate that he would not be confirmed to be a leader in ADA in the future.

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## Struggle for GOP Delegates Recalls Convention of 1912

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

Taft started his political career in 1902, when he was elected to Congress. He has since then, like those who follow him in the South. He and his wife, Helen, have been married for 40 years. . . .

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